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Rams Dominate at Homecoming



The grandstands were packed with school colors of green, white, and black as the Dixon Rams entered the field during their homecoming game on October 6, 2023. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon High School Junior Varsity Rams submitted to the Woodland Wolves losing their homecoming game 16-12 but fans were redeemed when the Varsity Rams retaliated and rammed their way through four quarters of touchdowns and extra points until they took down the Wolves with a whopping 49 to 8.

The grandstands were packed with school colors of green, white, and black and full of loyal friends,



At last Friday's Homecoming game, Jordan Sengmany and Skylar Volz were crowned Dixon's Homecoming King and Queen during half time on Finney Field. Photo by Nicolas Brown

parents and grandparents there for Homecoming. In the first quarter and upon receipt of the opening

kickoff from Woodland, Dixon drove down the field in the first few minutes of the game and scored a touchdown. They completed a 2-point conversion putting the first numbers on the scoreboard: 8-0.

The fight was on and the Wolves ran down the field on the 4th down but Rams intercepted Wolves down by Dixon's goal and in a couple of plays the Wolves got a touch back making the score 8-2.

Dixon's #9 Alijah Montgomery made great strides, but the Wolves

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Matriarch of Dixon Council, Arts Passes



Marime Burton. Photo courtesy of California State Assemblymember Cecilia Aguilar-Curry

MPG Staff

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Former Dixon Mayor, 1999 Citizen of the Year, and lifelong resident of Dixon, Marime Burton, passed away from complications related to Alzheimer's on October 6, 2023. She was 80 years old.

Caitlin O'Halloran Hellar, her daughter, posted on social media that her mother loved her hometown and influenced her community through music, theater, public service, land use conservation and planning, and active support of public education.

She wrote that in the late 1970's when rapid and unchecked growth began changing the face of the I-80 corridor, Marime created an organization called We Harbor Open Acres (WHOA) to allow the Dixon community to better control residential growth.

"As a result of her work, two important and regionally historic land use policies emerged. The first was Measure B, an initiative ordinance passed by the voters in 1986 that authorized the City Council to limit residential growth to 3% per year," she added. "The second occurred in the mid-1990's when the Vacaville-Dixon Greenbelt was established, placing a deed restriction on 1004 acres of agricultural land prohibiting it from being used for urban purposes, in perpetuity. Both hard-won policies remain in place today and have created a permanent small-town community for current and future Dixonites."

Marime seemed to know no bounds for service to her community and had an extraordinary character trait rarely seen in politics: kindness. After getting elected to City Council in 1978, she won Mayor in 1980 and was only the third woman at the time to hold the title. Construction of the current Dixon City Hall began during her tenure on the council.

In the early 2000's when the economic recession caused severe cutbacks in the Dixon public schools, Marime and other education advocates created the Dixon Education Foundation (DEF) to raise money for teachers, field trips and student programs.

Marime was well-known

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Janisch to Lead Kiwanis

MPG Staff

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Viva la Kiwanis! could have been the theme for the Dixon Kiwanis Installation Dinner held at Murillo's Mexican Restaurant in Dixon this past week, ensuring another year of club's service to the Dixon community.

A long banquet table full of members and guests listened at the official ceremony that included an inspirational message on life is not about having everything but about everything having meaning by Karstin Stranger of Almond Tree Mortgage. Outgoing President Mike Liu recapped his past two years of leading the club. He talked about the improvements made to the Festival of Trees, their premier fundraiser, and the new location for the Breakfast with the Bunny, their premier service project, for children's literacy where children's books were organized by skill level and distributed free.

"Through the Festival of Trees, we have raised and donated thousands of



The new 2023-2024 Board who will lead the Dixon Kiwanis Club for the 2023-2024 year are (L-R) Kathy Currey-Wallace, Mike Liu, Debra Dingman, Jim Ward, Karstin Stranger, and Kristin Janisch. Photo by Carla Schaefer

dollars since 2009," Liu said. Proceeds go back into the community every year, he reminded.

The ceremony was attended by both Past Lieutenant Gov. Brett Barnes from Davis and Lieutenant Gov. Dave Arnold, past President of the Greater Sacramento Kiwanis Club. They de-installed outgoing officers Treasurer Rich Ferguson

and Secretary Brandi Proffitt, both from Dixon Wellness Collective, who were recognized for their service and installed the new Board.

The new President is Kristin Janisch, the current Elected City Clerk who works in Marketing and Client Services for the Johnson Group-REMAX. Also installed were Mike Liu as Secretary and Debra

Dingman Editor of the Dixon Independent Voice Newspaper, retiree Kathy Wallace, and Jim Ward, Dixon City Treasurer as Board Members at Large.

"We have to prioritize growing the club so we can serve Dixon," Janisch said about her main goals for the year. "I also want to increase service projects."

Some of the projects that

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Rams Dominate at Homecoming



Dixon Rams wide receiver Leo Iglesias #3 scored the final touchdown at Homecoming which left the scoreboard at 49-8 in favor of Dixon against the Woodland Wolves on October 6, 2023. Photo by Nicolas Brown



Homecoming Court included Juniors Aiden Schouten and Taylor Stow; Sophomores Max Graef and Aniah Wright; and Freshmen Avery Schouten and Wyatt Williams. Photo by Nicolas Brown

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 scored a touchdown in the 2nd quarter because of a Dixon fumble. Fans enjoyed the halftime show with the billboard lit up at 23-8 Dixon's favor.

The band looked stellar in their crisp uniforms as they marched out into centerfield with flag girls dressed in Barbie poodle skirts, part of the theme of Spirit Week. All the cheerleaders were on the

field to dance and display stunts including girls getting tossed through the air and caught in cradles formed by other cheerleaders.

The Homecoming Court were then crowned with Homecoming King Jordan Sengmany and Queen Skylar Volz taking the honors. Both are Seniors.

Homecoming Court winners were honored next with Juniors Aiden Schouten and Taylor Stow;

Sophomores Max Graef and Aniah Wright; then Freshmen Avery Schouten and Wyatt Williams.

The revived Spirit Run also included boys leading with DHS flags and numerous students following garbed in pink.

When halftime was over, the attention returned to the game. Wide receiver #1 Jordan Sengmany made a great leaping catch on one of the drives

in the 3rd quarter and nabbed yet another touchdown bringing the score to 36-8 but Woodland wasn't giving up and was still fighting but just kept hitting the wall of Rams.

Another great catch was made by #9 Alijah Montgomery and he ran it down the field obviously exuberant with getting the extra point and lighting up the scoreboard to 43-8.

The empathetic sports box guys let the clock keep running through the 4th quarter, but the Rams still pushed, nabbing one more touchdown by #3 Leo Iglesias. Final Homecoming score: 49-8.

The Rams will play at Pioneer High School in Woodland this Friday, October 13, 5 p.m. for JV and 7 p.m. for Varsity. For more information, call (707) 693-6330, ext. 7107. ★

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Solano Speaks

Report of initial polling data from Solano County residents

Solano County Poll - Key Findings

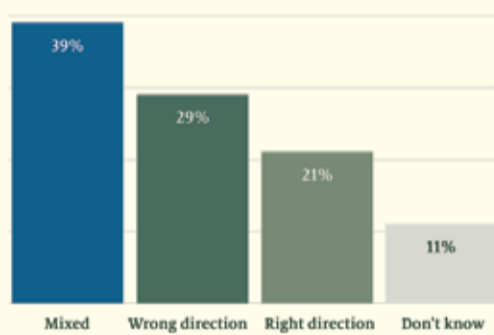


Introduction

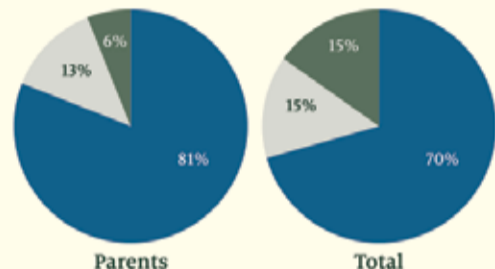
The following data comes from two scientific polls; one conducted between July 10th and 16th with a random sample of 600 Solano residents aged 18+ (taken from the county registered voter list) and the other conducted between August 20th and 27th of 800 Solano citizens. These polls were conducted over landline telephones, cell phones, and online. Statistically, both polls were weighted to the census demography of Solano County and conducted in both English and Spanish. Polls such as these have a margin of error of approximately 3.5-4% in 95 out of 100 cases. Sub-groups in the poll have a higher margin of error but are still informative.

Voters are dissatisfied with the direction of Solano County, and with the direction of things in their area.

Do you think things in Solano County are generally headed in the:



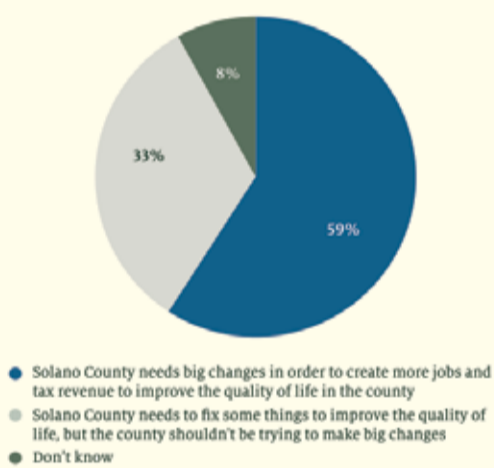
Solano County voters are worried that their area will not be affordable for the next generation.



- Most kids in Solano County will NOT be able to afford to live in their current neighborhood when they grow up
- Most kids in Solano County will be able to afford to live in their current neighborhood when they grow up
- Don't know

Voters think Solano County needs big changes to bring in more jobs and revenue, and improve the quality of life.

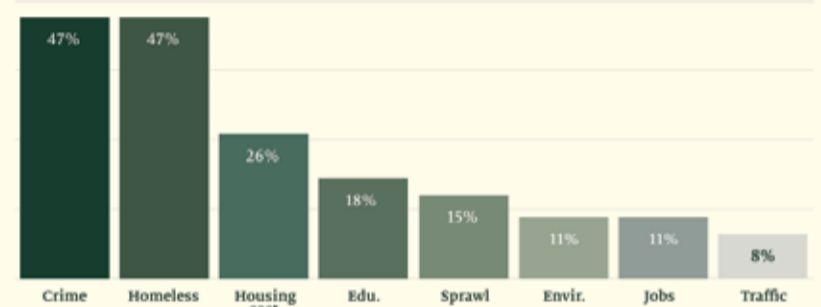
Here are two statements about how elected officials in Solano County should be thinking about planning for the next 10 years. Which do you agree with more:



- Solano County needs big changes in order to create more jobs and tax revenue to improve the quality of life in the county
- Solano County needs to fix some things to improve the quality of life, but the county shouldn't be trying to make big changes
- Don't know

Solano County voters think crime, homelessness and the cost of housing are the three most important issues for county officials to address.

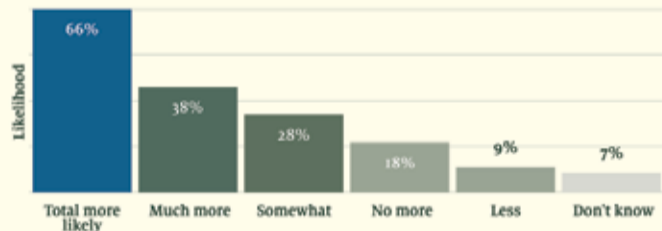
Thinking specifically about Solano County, which of the following issues will be most important to you when voting for county officials: (Combined top two mentions)



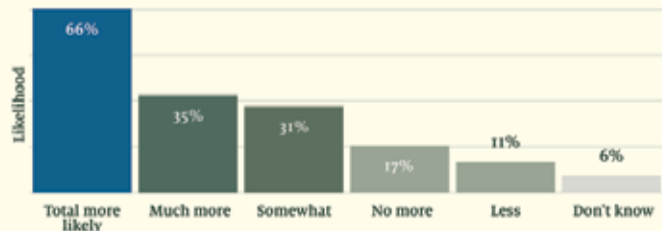
We believe every issue on this list is important, and in our vision we want the future community to address all these challenges. We are excited that our project will create a lot of good paying jobs right here in the county, as well as provide affordable middle class housing in walkable neighborhoods, green solar energy, and significant tax revenue to help the county fund efforts to reduce crime and address homelessness. We are also deeply committed to supporting Travis Air Force Base and its important mission.

Solano County voters are more likely to support a project that brings in good, permanent jobs, protects the environment, and delivers revenue for safety and education.

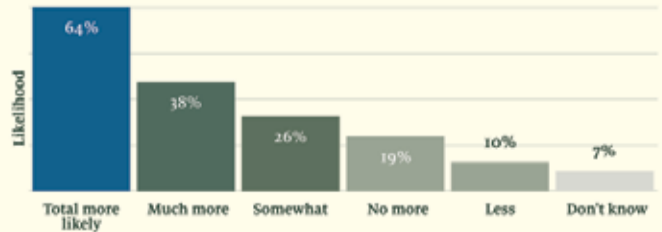
It would include a new trade school so that local residents can learn the skills to get the new good paying jobs created by this project



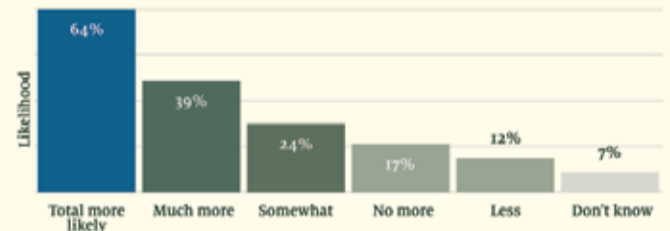
It would create thousands of permanent, good paying jobs in construction, solar energy, and services by bringing major employers to the county



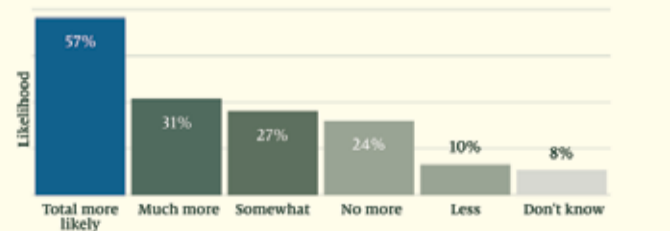
It would plant millions of new olive trees and a new oak forest, which would create more agricultural revenues and jobs



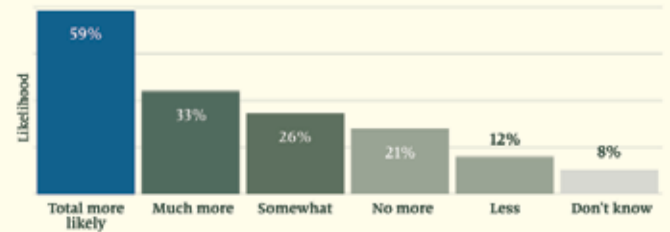
It would create thousands of acres of new projects that restore ecological habitats and help keep the Delta and the Bay healthy and resilient against climate change



It would generate tens of millions of dollars in new tax revenue each year for the county to help address important issues



It would include walkable neighborhoods, with housing, shopping, dining, and schools all within walking distance



What's next?

This polling is only the beginning of the conversation we are starting with the residents of Solano County and your elected officials. It is your voice that counts most and we are excited to start engaging with you. Soon, we will open a local engagement center and will be mailing a survey to residents asking for ideas, concerns, and suggestions.

Find out more and subscribe to our mailing list at:

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Things Good to Know

By Debra Dingman

Protected Health Information

What can you say and not say anymore? You can say that someone had the flu or a cold. You can say someone else has allergies. But, Dear God, you cannot say that someone had COVID – even if you don't say their name or any other identifying information about them because suddenly, you could be breaking the law by sharing Protected Health Information. At least, this is the belief of some people on social media. But that is not true.

Here are the facts: Protected Health Information (PHI) is the demographic information, medical histories, laboratory results, physical and electronic health records, mental health conditions, insurance information, and other data that a healthcare professional collects to identify an individual and determine appropriate care. The key word here is “identifiable.” That would be names, birth dates, telephone numbers, geographical information such as address, city, state, etc. and the list goes on to include test results, social security numbers all the way down to full face photos. Just thought I'd let readers know.

Speech

One of my favorite classes in high school was Speech. I started in my freshman year and took it for the next two years, competing in impromptu, extemporaneous, and serving on the debate team. I even won some awards! Speech was an elective, but it taught students much about being able to make presentations in public or at jobs for the rest of our lives.

It also taught me to see the other side of an argument. Sometimes, I had to debate

both sides of abortion, for example. You have to research and prepare and really know your stuff because you never knew what the other side was going to present.

I loved taking speech at Solano College. (Speech is required in college.) I also took it twice but years apart to brush up on my skills. I recently saw that Professor Janene Whitsell, one of my speech teachers at SCC, received a Congressional Commendation for the Solano Speech and Debate Team's championship win at nationals this year.

If you know a reluctant student, please encourage them to enjoy speech as what they taught me in high school is true: It will help you get where you want to go faster and help drive your passions further when you can express them well in public.

University Rankings

The University of California Davis now is tied for 6th in the United States for public universities rankings according to a September 17 U.S. News & World Report and based on the 2024 Best Colleges ranking. I read the article in the new edition of Solano EDC News. What is more impressive is that, “the campus also moved up eight places to tie for No. 19 among national universities for the social mobility it provides for its students.”

In that same publication, it was reported that Cal Maritime scored No. 1 in top public schools and ranked No. 2 out of 103 regional Colleges West. This also made the U.S. News and World Report and was spotlighted on the annual Forbes 2023 America's Top Colleges list. The school is located in Vallejo. We have amazing educational opportunities so close to Dixon! ★

Dixon News Briefs



A man and a boy saunter through the fun pumpkins that decorate the entry of the Pardi Plaza. Thanks to the Cooley Family of Cool Patch Pumpkins, fall decorations are decorating downtown everywhere! Photo by Debra Dingman

MPG Staff

3 p.m. on Friday, October 27, at the school located at 955 East A Street.

Historic Home Tour

The Dixon Classic Home Tour is a unique opportunity to explore four of the city's most iconic vintage homes. Guests can enjoy a guided tour of the homes, learning about their fascinating history and architecture and the stories of the families who lived there. Lunch is provided and it happens rain or shine. This is a wonderful way to experience Dixon's rich history and beautiful homes!

There are now five homes on the Historical Society's Historic Home Tour on Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ticket holders and online ticket purchasers need to pick up their guidebooks between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Standfill Victorian Home at 360 North First Street, next to the railroad tracks. Lunch will be served between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the St. Peter's Social Hall on the corner of Second and East Mayes Streets. Tours of the homes end at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased online at <https://www.dixonhistoricalsociety.org/>. Phone for the Dixon History Museum is (707) 685-0802. Note that no photography, strollers, small children, backpacks, or pets please. All proceeds from the home tour and lunch benefit the Dixon Historical Society and Museum and the Valley of the Sacred Heart Academy.

DUSD Schools Close

Friday, October 27 there will be NO SCHOOL for Dixon Unified School District due to teacher work day. Also, be aware that the week of Halloween, Oct. 30 through November 3, students/schools will have half days due to parent-teacher conferences. Take note school is also out on Friday, November 10, for Veterans Day and all of Thanksgiving week.

Neighborhood Christian School

Neighborhood Christian School students will get out at noon Wednesday through Friday, October 18-20 for Parent/Teacher Conferences. For more information, call (707) 678-9336. NCS will also host their annual Harvest Festival noon to

Grupo Hispanico

At the Dixon Senior Multi-Use Center, a Hispanic group meets up to talk about current events, play Loteria, and enjoy the company of friends on the first and fourth Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. That is at 201 South Fifth Street. Phone is (707) 678-7022.

Cool Patch Pumpkins

Our favorite sun-glass-wearing pumpkins announced they are now open, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily at 6150 Dixon Avenue West. (Weather Permitting!) There are free activities for children such as the mini hay maze, giant rocking horses, and photo ops with pumpkins and dinosaurs. There are also hayrides, corn baths, and concession food for fees. Children ages 5 and under are free. For info, call (530) 746-8725.

City Planning Commission

This coming Tuesday, October 24, at 7 p.m. the Parks and Recreation Commission will be meeting in the Council Chambers, 600 East A Street.

Mini Health Fair

Touro University will be hosting a 'Mini Health Fair' at the Dixon Public Library on Wednesday, October 25 from 3 to 5 p.m. It will be a family-friendly event and participants can receive free diabetes and blood pressure checks plus flu shots. For more information, visit solanolibrary.com/ events or drop by at 230 North First Street in downtown Dixon.

DuPratt Ford Opens Trunks

The public is invited to a Trunk or Treat event at Ron DuPratt Ford on Saturday, October 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are located at 1760 North Lincoln Street. There will be a unique display of Ford Mustangs and trick-or-treating for the whole family. They will also offer free handcrafted coffee and donuts by Vio's Pastries while supplies last.

Fish Fry

Veterans Fish Fry is this Friday at 1305 North First Street starting about 5:30. \$13 each dinner. ★



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Club Invites Women to BYOP

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DIXON, CA (MPG) - Club Secretary for the Dixon Women's Improvement Club, Teri Brown, who is also an avid gardener, will lead DWIC members and guests in a hands-on 'Fall Season Centerpiece' workshop at their next meeting on Wednesday, October 18, at 1 p.m.

For this fun activity, DWIC will supply a variety of succulents and other plant materials, and members are asked to BYOP – bring your own pumpkin – sized mini to large. This activity is a great way to display your pumpkin for Halloween and Thanksgiving.

“Let's see what creative minds can come up with,” Brown said. The regular business meeting will follow.

This year's programs were developed from membership surveys with a goal to provide opportunities for learning interesting topics and enjoying creative activities for our monthly meetings. The programs are open to all members, and guests are welcome to attend.



DWIC will host a hands-on 'Fall Season Centerpiece' workshop on Wednesday, October 18. DWIC courtesy photo

In addition, the Board and the Committee Chairs have selected a couple excursions such as one to the Manetti Shrem Museum at UC Davis but those will be at an additional expense.

The Dixon Women's Improvement Club was established in 1899 in Dixon, California. The founders were women from families that had settled in the Dixon area following the Gold Rush of 1849 and were interested in beautifying and improving the town of Dixon.

Their purpose is to operate a non-profit, charitable organization for the beautification, improvement, and promotion of the best interests for the city of Dixon

through club-directed projects and community activities.

The Dixon Women's Improvement Club is open to anyone who is interested in joining, and guests are welcome. DWIC meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Meetings are held at the Fellowship Hall of the Dixon United Methodist Church, 209 North Jefferson Street. To become an active member, a woman is required to make a payment of \$35.00 annual membership dues. For more information, email call Debra Dingman at (707) 678-9198. ★

Council Sticks with Seeking Transparency

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Two contentious discussions at the last City Council Meeting had to do with a gate on a rural road and whether or not City Manager Jim Lindley could increase his authority to approve expenditures up to \$100,000 without going through the City Council.

“Replacement of the gate was in the budget for this year,” said City Manager Jim Lindley. “It is at the entrance for the extra drainage area for overflow in the high rain year and we lease it to a farmer on a yearly basis and the old gate that we have there is pretty useless. It’s a security measure so people can’t get in there.”

Councilmember Thom Bogue asked about the \$33,000 expenditure and how often the gate was used by staff. He had physically inspected the gate described in the report as “rusty, sagging, and falling apart,” yet he found it was in excellent condition. He brought pictures on his phone to prove it.

“That is why it brings me back to the purpose of why someone would want to put in an electronic gate. The gates are functional and strong and are predominantly used for farming,” Bogue argued. “I estimate 90 percent of the year it’s not used. It is four miles outside of the City, so I don’t see it as a security issue. One gate is about 20 feet in length and the other is 35 feet in length. So, I could only conclude that someone doesn’t want to get out of their vehicle and open the gate.”

Mayor Steve Bird responded that the firing range is out there and said it is “kind of dated and that other agencies can use it and during that time you have to keep that thing secure. It’s heavily secured and there is a lock with a chain.”

Bogue said he’d agree but that Bird was talking about the wrong property.

“This is actually across Pedrick Road and not within our current facilities,” Bogue said. Lindley agreed with Bogue that the property is to the southeast of the entrance of the wastewater treatment plant. The motion did not pass to spend the money on the project.

Item 11 brought further disagreements. In regard to procurement authority limits with construction costs and accounting acts limit at the September 5 meeting, an amendment was requested that Lindley could approve any purchase between \$25,000 and \$100,000 but it would be reported to the City Council following the execution of the contract. (The current limit is \$25,000.)

Bogue commented, “I cannot support something of this nature – this increase – when it doesn’t serve a lot of purpose in terms of making things overall easier. What I do see is it takes more control out of the council – which we represent the public

and their needs and that’s part of our job to oversee decisions being made and this also eliminates public input on items to be considered until after the decision has been made, contracts have been signed, and agreements have been made. Like I said before, I could see bumping it to 30, but I do not see supporting \$100,000 per incident.”

“What are you going to do if you disagree with something when money has already been spent?” Michael Ceremello asked in public comment. “If a developer has to wait a couple weeks until it gets put on the agenda, what is the big deal? For the Planning Commission, he has to wait a whole month.”

For Councilmembers Bogue, Don Hendershot and Kevin Johnson, the major concern was keeping transparency to ensure public trust and they would have been okay with “development pass-through” being up to \$100,000 but only those items.

Lindley shared that one of his staff spent three hours researching and writing just one agenda item.

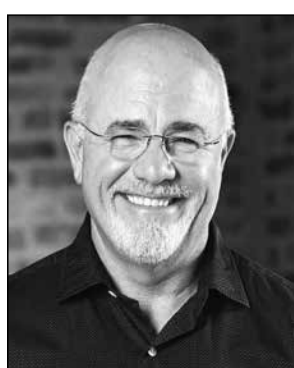
“I’m trying to reduce the amount of time staff has to spend on an item that is going to get approved anyway. I have no interest in making the public or the Council uncomfortable,” said Lindley. “My goal was to make it all more efficient, not just to have arbitrarily set a higher spending limit for those agendized items. The whole purpose is to not make our already overworked staff spend three hours of time writing an agenda item,” he added.

Councilmember Jim Ernest was wanting to give Mr. Lindley “a chance to keep things moving forward” and was for moving the number up “but be watchful of corruption.”

“I’ve been uncomfortable with it from the beginning,” said Councilmember Johnson. “I’ve been trying to work with it but I’m in a different spot and feel like this is something where it is more appropriate to be more conservative than not,” said Johnson. “I’d be perfectly fine with zero to \$100,000 on a pass-through item.”

“I realize we are short-staffed, but we also have a very well-paid staff, and we’re constantly hiring more people to help them out,” said Bogue who again endorsed the idea to allow Lindley to approve items relating to developers only as those do not come out of the general fund. He told Lindley that if they had implemented the developer pass-through approval already, there would be four items that would not have made it to the agenda (and would have saved the staff’s time.)

Bogue moved to decline the item as written, Johnson seconded. Bogue, Johnson and Hendershot voted to decline as written so the motion did not carry. Bogue then requested staff bring to a future agenda the developer pass-through concept. ★



What’s Fair to Everyone Concerned?

Dear Dave,

About a year ago, my husband and I offered an empty house we own to a young man at our church, who had lost his home and everything he owned in a fire. He has taken good care of the place, but has made no effort to pay rent. We don’t need the money, because we’re in good shape financially, and we were thinking about selling the other house, anyway. I’d like to simply write it off, and gift the home and title to this young man, but my husband feels he owes us something for putting a roof over his head all this time. What are your thoughts?

– Penny

Dear Penny,

I think you and your husband have good hearts. I

Dave Ramsey Says

also think you handled this situation poorly.

From the sound of things, you put him there originally on a charity basis, and now your husband wants to change the deal. You didn’t set up any kind of rental agreement, but your husband feels you two are owed something? I’m sorry, but no. That’s on you.

At this point, you have some big decisions to make. Were you providing free housing to someone who was struggling, or were you providing a free house to someone who was struggling? I understand this young man experienced a terrible tragedy. But at the same time, I’m not hearing lots of evidence that he’s putting his life back together. If after this long the guy’s not back on his feet and out on his own, you may be enabling bad behavior on his part.

Now, if you want to gift him the house, that’s your decision. If you want to approach him with a rental agreement or sale proposal to which all parties are

amicable, that’s okay, too. If neither of these ideas are in the cards, I’d make sure to sit down with this young man and have a gentle—but firm—talk. I’d let him know I had been happy to help him over the last several months, but that he needs to start moving forward with his life. I’d set a very reasonable and patient timeline for a move-out date, and let him know once that time is up, I’ll be selling the house.

That’s fair to everyone concerned.

– Dave

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California Has A New Plan For The Delta But Faces The Same Conflicts Over Water



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California’s water warriors have a new arena for their perpetual conflict over the allocation of the state’s ever-evolving supply – a nearly 6,000-page proposal from the state Water Resources Control Board.

The draft essentially calls for sharp reductions in diversions from the Sacramento River and its tributaries to allow more water to flow through the environmentally troubled Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

“It is a consequential effort,” Eric Oppenheimer, chief deputy director of the board, said during a media briefing on what is technically an update of the agency’s management plan for the Delta and San Francisco Bay. “It reflects years of scientific analysis that we’ve undertaken and years of public input.”

The board had previously issued a similar policy paper for the San Joaquin River and its tributaries. The two rivers merge to form the Delta, a vast maze of islands and channels that is the West Coast’s largest estuary.

In addition to upstream diversions to irrigate fields and orchards and serve municipal users, federal and state projects pump water from the Delta’s southern edge into aqueducts for transfer to San Joaquin Valley farms and homes as

far south as San Diego.

The reduction of natural flows through the Delta have, scientists say, increased its salinity and otherwise made it unable to adequately support salmon and other wildlife.

The battle over the Delta has raged for decades with environmental groups, lately joined by American Indian tribes, pressing the water board impose reductions on diversions, and water users seeking to protect their supplies.

There are, in the macro sense, two conflicts: how much additional flows are needed to restore the Delta and how any reduction in diversions would be framed and enforced.

The water board’s new draft provides some additional focus on both, but doesn’t provide any solid direction.

For the better part of a decade, two governors, Jerry Brown and Gavin Newsom, have promoted the concept of “voluntary agreements” to reduce diversions, hoping to avoid a head-on political and legal collision.

“We want to thank Gov. Newsom for his continued leadership and commitment to using collaborative voluntary agreements between water users and public agencies to support water quality and fish populations throughout the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta,” Farm Bureau president Jamie Johansson said in response to the new plan.

However, the water agencies have offered, in the main, much smaller reductions than the water board says are necessary to improve habitat.

The environmental coalitions demanding larger reductions see the voluntary

agreements as subterfuges to maintain the status quo and have pressed the board to simply set reduction numbers and enforce them by decree.

“Voluntary agreements serve as backroom deals that continue to leave tribes, environmental justice communities, conservation groups, fishing communities, and other vital stakeholders out of the government-led planning process,” the Restore the Delta coalition responded.

Imposing reductions would touch off a legal battle that Brown and Newsom have wanted to avoid because it would hinge on water rights, some of which date back to the late 19th century.

Environmentalists contend that those rights are anachronisms in the 21st century and should be set aside to give authorities the ability to allocate water rationally, particularly since climate change is affecting precipitation and thus the overall water supply.

However, when the water board tested its authority vis-à-vis ordering diversion reductions from senior water rights holders, it lost in court. Moreover, legislation that would have provided such authority didn’t make it through the Legislature this year, thanks to stiff opposition from farmers and other rights holders.

The water board’s new draft may provide more grist for debate, but it does not resolve the fundamental conflicts.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for more than 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★

Jaya Wartson Selected Young Woman of the Month

Dixon Soroptimist International News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - SI Dixon had the pleasure of meeting Jaya Wartson at our lunch meeting last week. Jaya is the daughter of Makicha and James Wartson. She has two sisters Madison and Makayla.

Jaya is a senior at Dixon High School. Her education started at Frontier in Hanford, then on to Callison and Kairos in Vacaville. She fondly remembers her favorite teacher, her Middle School English teacher, Mrs. Zadnick. Dixon High School Principal, Stephanie Marquez, describes Jaya as a student who moves with grace and kindness. Always going above and beyond what is asked.

Jaya has already accomplished so much as a senior in high school. As a young girl, Jaya started her own business helping hand. She would babysit, pet sit, do whatever she could to help her friends and neighbors.

Her neighbor saw great entrepreneurial skills in Jaya and asked if she would like to partner with him in a pool cleaning business, Clean Wave Pools. After much



Makicha Wartson, her daughter Jaya, and Soroptimist President Brenda Walker at last month’s meeting recognizing the Young Woman of the Month. Soroptimist courtesy photo

discussion with her family, Jaya jumped in and took the reins.

Jaya co-founded Clean Wave Pools and built the business into a success. They serviced all of Solano County. The company had 7 employees, 115 clients/pools, and two trucks. After a successful run, Jaya and her partner will be selling the company.

Contributing to her community is important to Jaya. She was a keynote speaker at her aunt and uncle’s church. She spoke about her experience balancing her business and school. Mentoring her sisters about what goes into running a business is also at the forefront of Jaya’s experiences.

Jaya was just chosen to be on the 2023-2024 Student Leadership Council assisting U.S. Congressman Mike

Thompson. She is also a Future Farmers of America Leader, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority participant, and played two years on the Dixon High golf team.

Her leadership is displayed as Sophomore Class Treasurer, junior Class Representative, senior Class Vice President as well as FFA 4-year member, 2-year officer Treasurer as a Junior and Vice President as a senior.

Jaya plans on attending a University in California. She would like to major in Small Business Management, with a minor in Human Resources or Accounting. Jaya then hopes to start another serviced based business.

Congratulations Jaya Wartson! You are an exceptional young woman and the world is your oyster. Best of luck in your future endeavors. ★

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Joe Biden Made the Worst Vice-Presidential Pick of the Last 50 Years

Poor Kamala Harris. The alleged misogyny that is tearing at her vice presidency apparently extends to highly partisan Democratic leaders such as Jamie Raskin and Nancy Pelosi.

Both of them caused ripples when their praise for Harris in recent TV interviews was notably cool, as if they were at a high-end fundraising dinner and hated the escargot but had to try to convince the hostess that they really loved it.

The Biden campaign reportedly contacted both Raskin and Pelosi. The Maryland congressman revised his remarks to say that Harris is “unquestionably the best running mate for President Biden in 2024,” while the former House Speaker’s office pointed to the favorable things she said about Harris in her initial interview.

What Raskin and Pelosi clearly know, if they can’t say it out loud, is that Joe Biden botched his vice-presidential pick; it is the worst pick in half a century and easily one of the worst in the last 80 years.

As Democrats begin to realize Biden’s political weakness, with Donald Trump barreling down the pike, Harris is one of the factors – although not the main one – keeping them from doing anything about it.

What if someone did convince Biden to step aside for the good of the party? Well, that might open the way for Harris herself to become the nominee. In other words, out of the pan and into the fire.

Even if she lost in an open nominating process, it’d be quite the spectacle for Democrats to turn away a potentially “historic” presidential nominee for someone else.

So, she’s at least a playing role in the propping up of what may prove the weakest incumbent presidential candidate since George H.W. Bush.

This isn’t the only downside. Harris is going to be an issue next year because everyone realizes there’s a significant chance that Biden wouldn’t be able to serve out a full second term.

Typically, a vice president’s popularity matters only for his or her own political ambitions; this time, it could make a difference in the presidential race because her standing is, in a word, abysmal.

In the new NBC News poll, the theme of which is that Biden and Trump are both abidingly unpopular, Harris is right there with them. At 31%, her positive rating is lower than both of theirs, and her negative rating, 51%, is higher than Biden’s.

The bar Biden needed to clear in his vice-presidential pick wasn’t high. He either needed a political nonentity or a popular entity who ideally had some governing credibility; instead, he went with the unpopular nonentity.

How does this rank

with prior bad choices? As it happens (funny how this works), the most maligned recent picks are all Republicans.

Let’s run through them. Sarah Palin was not suited to be president of the United States but was a Hail Mary in a basically unwinnable race, so we should discount that pick for inconsequence. Dick Cheney was a governing choice who, despite all the obloquy heaped on him, performed admirably. Dan Quayle’s reputation was destroyed by the press, but he didn’t play into George H.W. Bush’s fate one way or the other.

I think to find a worse major-party pick – and actual vice president – you have to go back to Spiro Agnew. At least, as far as we know, Harris hasn’t been taking kickbacks that will force her to resign – in fact, she may be the relatively ethical half of the Biden-Harris ticket.

Prior to that, you probably have to go back to Henry Wallace, whom Democrats thankfully dumped in 1944 after he served one term as FDR’s vice president. Wallace’s views on the Soviet Union were criminally naive and disqualifying for any high official of the United States.

Wherever you rank Kamala Harris, there’s no doubt that she’s a poor selection that Democrats will almost certainly have to tolerate because of an ideological trap of their own making.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2023 by King Features Synd., Inc. ★



Riley Reviews

EXPEND4BLES” AT AN END; “KEVIN COSTNER’S THE WEST” ON TV

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“EXPEND4LES” Rated R

Panned almost universally by any critic with a pulse, “Expend4bles,” the fourth installment of the Sylvester Stallone franchise makes no excuses for being what it has always been, namely a B-movie action thriller that cares little about plot and character development.

Given the critical disdain, it seemed almost irresistible to see for oneself how lacking it might be, or is it just a case of reviewers running with the pack mentality, lest one’s cred be irreparably damaged?

What fans of the “Expendables” series are interested to know is whether Stallone, along with Jason Statham and the rest of the gang (there are some new members) are delivering mindless entertainment with a heavy dose of gunplay and explosions.

The answer to the question is that the action, though practically nonstop, is so generic that one’s mind may drift to other better films. With Statham’s Lee Christmas killing an endless army of goons with ease, he risks being little more than an emulator of Keanu Reeves’ John Wick.

In all fairness to Statham, who is usually more than workmanlike in his body of action picture endeavors, his character is the glue holding the exploits together, even when he operates with only the help of retired Thai Special Forces operative Decha (Tony Jaa).

The plot, such as it is, involves the Expendables on a mission to retrieve nuclear detonators that might be used by international arms dealer Rahmat (Iko Uwais) to trigger World War III, but for inexplicable reasons.

Stallone’s Barney Ross remains the senior leader of a team that includes veterans Gunner Jensen (Dolph Lundgren) and Toll Road (Randy Couture), whose cauliflower ear is still a subject of derisive banter.

With Mr. Church no longer available, stepping in as CIA honcho is Andy Garcia’s Marsh, who is now in charge of orchestrating who goes where and how on the mission.

Newcomers to the team of avenging mercenaries include Curtis “50 Cent” Jackson, underused as a former Marine; Jacob Scipio as Galan, the son of former Expendable Galgo (Antonio Banderas); and sassy Lash (Levy Tran), a tattooed ninja with unique skills.

The leading female role goes to Megan Fox’s Gina, who is dressed in either lingerie or stylish clothes as if she was a guest on a Kardashian reality show. But she’s a tough cookie – just ask her lover Lee Christmas after a stormy tryst.

At least, Lundgren’s Gunner remains a crazy mercenary who always carries some weird baggage with him. He’s

trying to stop drinking, though he seems unable to shoot straight when sober.

Even if some fans may have tired of this genre, “Expend4bles” is nothing more or less than a diversion. With massive gunplay and explosions, there are no pretensions of cleverness.

In the final analysis, the best way to look at this last chapter is with low expectations and to wait until it’s on a streaming service. Take “Expend4bles” for what it is – some wisecracks and an excess of fight scenes that lack the style and punch of the “John Wick” franchise.

“KEVIN COSTNER’S THE WEST” ON THE HISTORY CHANNEL

In his varied career, Kevin Costner has been successful in several film genres, and as of late, he’s had a good run with the “Yellowstone” TV series, a dramatic Western about a ranching family in Montana.

Costner’s first foray into television was the “Hatfields & McCoys” on the History Channel, and that is where he is scheduled to return in the future as the host of “Kevin Costner’s The West,” an eight-episode documentary series.

This original program intends to transcend the cliches and myths of the “Wild West” and from a myriad of perspectives capture the spirit of opportunity, adventure and peril through the untold stories that defined the era and continue to shape our country today.

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When Zane and his family move to Solitude, they have no idea what awaits them. Everyone in town knows about the legend of his new home and the spirit who haunts the manor looking for vengeance.

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Rafael loves reading and writing ghost stories and could create a great scare at a moment’s notice. But when one of his scary stories becomes real life, he realizes he is the only one that has the power to stop it.

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Get ready to crack the clues and uncover the buried treasure with Grady, Thad, Clemmie, and Ophelia, the dog in *The Mystery of the Radcliffe Riddle* by Taryn Souders.

When Grady and his dad receive an inheritance from the town oddball, they realize it is a map to a treasure of riches, which comes just in time to save them. However, solving the mystery is dangerous, especially when they learn that someone else is willing to murder to get it. Will Grady and his team find the treasure in time to save his home and their lives?

A mystery perfect for middle school readers, with solid characters, backstories, and adventure that will keep them up reading. ★

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City Offers CPR Training

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DIXON, CA (MPG) - Two different dates have been set by the City of Dixon offering CPR, AED (Automated External Defibrillator,) and First Aid training by the American Red Cross. More than 4.6 million people are trained in Red Cross lifesaving programs every year. Many go on to use their training to save lives.

Saturday, October 21, or Sunday, October 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. will be the course dates for adult and pediatric CPR/AED Blended Learning Course that will be held at the Dixon Senior/Multi-Use Center at 201 South 5th Street.

One can often find AEDs inside auditoriums or gymnasiums, in libraries, schools, etc. and are used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm, according to the Red Cross.

The fee is \$105 and includes CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) which is not

just for healthcare workers and emergency responders but for anyone. In fact, CPR can double or triple the chance of survival when bystanders take action.

CPR certification takes just a few short hours but can help add years to someone's life. Successful completion of an in-person or blended learning course gives you a two-year certification in adult and/or pediatric CPR.

You do not have to have a CPR certification to help someone in cardiac distress. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), if cardiac arrest happens to someone near you, it's better to act than to do nothing. Even if your technique isn't perfect, it'll give the victim a far better chance of survival.

Of course, the best way to save lives is by staying current on your CPR certification.

The course includes online learning, on-site skills sessions where participants will practice skills and demonstrate competency. To enroll, go to anc.apm.activecommunities.com or for more information, email dixonrecreation@cityofdixon.us ★

State Auditor Removes Transportation Infrastructure from 'High Risk' List

Caltrans News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California State Auditor ton August 24, 2023, removed the state's transportation infrastructure from its "high-risk list" after 16 years in recognition of the progress California has made in rebuilding and upgrading the state transportation system in recent years.

"The Auditor's findings are a testament to the substantial progress Caltrans, the California Transportation Commission and our partners have made as we work together to improve and rebuild our state's critical transportation infrastructure," said California Transportation Secretary Toks Omishakin. "This progress has been especially noteworthy since the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 – landmark legislation that ushered in a new era of infrastructure investment to rebuild California. Our elected officials and the people of California entrusted us with their hard-earned tax dollars to upgrade the state's aging infrastructure, and we have delivered and will continue to make good on that trust. Coupled with Governor Newsom's infrastructure streamlining package and a \$15 billion investment in clean transportation infrastructure, along with recent increased federal infrastructure funding, our state is in an incredible and unique position to keep making progress and accelerate our transition to a cleaner, safer, more equitable and more connected transportation system that benefits all Californians."

The Auditor first designated California's deteriorating transportation infrastructure as a high-risk issue in May 2007, noting at the time that a long-term stable funding source was needed to address maintaining and upgrading the state's aging roads and bridges, reduce traffic delays, improve goods movement, and increase options for transit, intercity rail and active transportation like walking and biking.

That all changed with the passage of SB 1, which provides more than \$5 billion in transportation funding annually that is shared about equally between state and local agencies. SB 1 represented the first significant, stable and ongoing increase in state transportation funding in more than two decades. To date, California has invested \$18.3 billion in SB 1 funding in more than 10,000 projects in communities throughout the state, creating more than 237,000 jobs.

As the Auditor notes, keeping California's transportation infrastructure in good repair is important because it enhances safety and maintains the usable life of critical state assets, which currently consists of 50,000 lane miles of pavement, 13,200 bridges, 213,000 culverts and drainage facilities, and nearly 21,000 transportation management system elements (changeable message signs, meters, etc.). Caltrans already has

exceeded the 10-year SB 1 targets in three of the four primary infrastructure targets and is making substantial progress on the fourth. Since the start of SB 1, Caltrans has:

Enhanced pavement on nearly 15,000 lane miles on the state highway system so 99% of pavement is in good or fair condition – above the SB 1 goal of 98% by 2027;

Fixed 1,512 bridges – more than doubling the number of structures repaired annually and already surpassing the SB 1 goal of 500 additional bridges restored by 2027;

Repaired 578,285 linear feet of culverts – a more than three-fold increase from pre-SB 1 levels – and cleaned more than 1.6 million linear feet of culverts so 90% of drainage systems on the state highway network are now in good or fair condition, in line with SB 1's 10-year goal;

Added or repaired nearly 6,200 traffic management system elements, with 77% currently in good or fair condition and on track to reach the SB 1 target of 90% in good condition by 2027.

To leverage this notable progress in upgrading and rebuilding the state's critical infrastructure, Governor Newsom signed a \$15 billion clean transportation infrastructure package as part of the 2022-23 state budget to further the state's ambitious climate goals. These historic multiyear investments are improving and expanding transit and passenger rail service throughout the state, increasing safe walking and biking options, making key safety improvements that will save lives, reconnecting communities, continuing progress on the nation's first electrified high-speed rail line, and upgrading the state's supply chain infrastructure to support a more efficient, sustainable and resilient goods movement system.

In addition to these historic state investments, California is receiving an influx of federal funding through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Also known as the "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law," this represents a once-in-a-generation federal investment in the nation's infrastructure to improve the sustainability and resiliency of the country's energy, water, broadband and transportation systems. Since November 2021, California has received more than \$22 billion in federal infrastructure funding. That includes nearly \$16 billion in federal transportation funding to upgrade the state's roads, bridges, rail, public transit, airports, electric vehicle charging network, ports and waterways. These transportation investments alone have already created nearly 48,000 jobs.

To review the latest news and information on state and federal infrastructure investments, visit RebuildingCA.ca.gov, which contains data on the increased funding. Website visitors can learn more about the different state and federal infrastructure programs, track the amount of funding California is receiving, and find projects on an updated interactive map. ★

Persons listed in this log from the Dixon Police Department are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Only activities deemed significant by the Police Dept. are included.

DIXON POLICE LOG



Friday, September 29, 2023

- 0921 - Traffic enforcement stop in the area of Porter Street and South Almond Street.
- 1137 - Embezzlement reported in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue.
- 1606 - Noise complaint in the 400 block of Ellesmere Drive resulting in Samantha Alvarado (28), of Dixon, being cited and released for a Failure to Appear warrant.
- 1817 - Court order violation report was taken at the Dixon Police Department.
- 2043 Warrant arrest report was taken at the intersection of Country Fair Dr. at Windmill Dr. Officers contacted (S) Patricia Steltz of Dixon. Steltz had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant out of Solano County. Steltz was transported to the Dixon Police Department where she was cited and released.
- 0215 - Warrant arrest and a battery report was taken in the 100 block of North 1st St. (V) appeared to have just been in a fight. Officers contacted (S) Kaden Hensley of Dixon. A records check revealed Hensley had a no-cite warrant out of Solano County. Hensley was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.

Thursday, September 28

- 1152 - Informational report taken at Dixon Police Department.
- 1209 - Informational report taken in the 400 block of East A Street.
- 1257 - Stolen vehicle recovered in the area of Stratford Avenue and Pitt School Road. Christopher Rendon (39), of Fairfield, was arrested for Possession of a Stolen Vehicle and Violation of Parole. He was transported to the Solano County Jail.
- 1439 - Informational report taken in the 1300 block of MacDonald Court.
- 1945 - Confidential report was taken in the 1500 Knight Ct.
- 2015 - A recovered stolen vehicle report was taken in the 1000 block of Admiral Callaghan Ln. during a special detail.
- 2138 - Post release Community Supervision report was taken in the 1400 block of North 1st St. Officers contacted (S) Jose Solaro (37) of Dixon. Solaro was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail. 0030 Warrant arrest report was taken on WB/80 at Schroeder Rd. Officers made an enforcement stop and contacted the driver and passenger (S) James Horn (59) of Oroville. A records check revealed Horn had two outstanding warrants. The warrants were confirmed and he was arrested. Horn was taken to Solano County and released to their staff.

Wednesday, September 27

- 1340 - Informational report taken in the 400 block of East A Street
- 1840 - Coroner's report was taken in the 300 block of West Cherry St.
- 2021 - Hit and Run report was taken in the 200 block of North Jefferson St.
- 0120 - Warrant arrest report was taken at the intersection of Stratford Av. at Pitt School Rd. An officer made an enforcement stop and contacted the driver and passenger (S) Jarrett Liedlich (38) of Clearlake. Liedlich admitted to having a felony warrant out of San Francisco County. The warrant was confirmed and he was arrested. Liedlich was taken to Solano County and released to their staff.

Tuesday, September 26

- 0637 - Another bomb threat reported in the 1500 block of Pembroke Way.
- 0824 - Narcotics report taken in the 500 block of College Way.
- 0859 - CWS report taken at the PD. 0922 Welfare check in the 200 block of North Lincoln Street.
- 1102 - Confidential report taken in the 200 block of North Lincoln Street.
- 1315 - Information report taken in the 20 block of Solano Drive.
- 1436 - Welfare check in the 300 block of Pheasant Run Drive.
- 1600 - CWS report taken at the PD.

Monday, September 25

- 2015 - Hours- Battery report taken in the 2800 block of West A Street
- 2015 - Hours- Phanna Le (38) of Oakland was contacted in the 400 block of South First Street and arrested for an outstanding warrant and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- 2300 - Hours- Theft from a motor vehicle in the 1100 block of Pitt School Road.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-001324
The following persons are doing business as: La Quinta Inn, 316 Pittman Road, Fairfield, CA 94534.
Grapevine Hospitality LLC, 11 Volta Del Tintori Street, Lake Elsinore, CA 92532.
Date filed in Solano County: August 22, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.
NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 21, 2028. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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LAQUINTA 11-3-23

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLONO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #CU23-03268
Esala A Nakalevu and Salesia Nakalevu filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Iliessa Iliessa Nakalevu to Elijah Iliessa Nakalevu.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. November 8, 2023, 8:30 a.m. Department 12, Room 1, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court: Christine A. Carringer
Dated: September 8, 2023, 2023
Publish: Sept 29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 2023
NAKALEVU 10-20-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KIMBERLEE JEZEL HUNTER AKA KIMBERLEE J. HUNTER AKA KIMBERLEE HUNTER
CASE NO. PR23-00287
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Kimberlee Jezel Hunter aka Kimberlee J. Hunter aka Kimberlee Hunter.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Eldred Hunter, in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, requesting Eldred Hunter be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

December 11, 2023, 8:30 a.m. in Dept 4; Superior Court of California, County of Solano, 600 Union Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from

the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of

the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Edward W. Goldkuhl, 2315 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95816; 916-422-3000
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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Dixon City Council adopted Ordinance No. 23-005 amending the Zoning Map for the City of Dixon, reclassifying the property located at 331/333 South 1st Street (Planning Application 22-32), Assessor's Parcel Number 0116-051-100 from Multi-family Residential (RM-2) to Multi-family Residential – Planned Development (RM-2-PD) and approving the conversion of the existing three units on the existing single property into three condominium air space parcels that can be sold individually. Ordinance No. 23-005 further establishes Planned Development standards for 331/333 South 1st Street.

This Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 19th day of September 2023, and adopted at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 3rd day of October 2023, by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Bogue, Ernest, Hendershot, Bird
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: Johnson

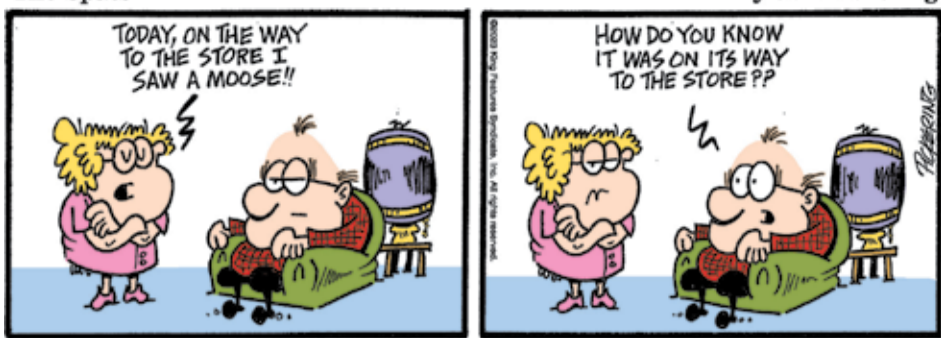
A copy of the full text of the adopted ordinance is available for public review at City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620 or at www.cityofdixon.us.

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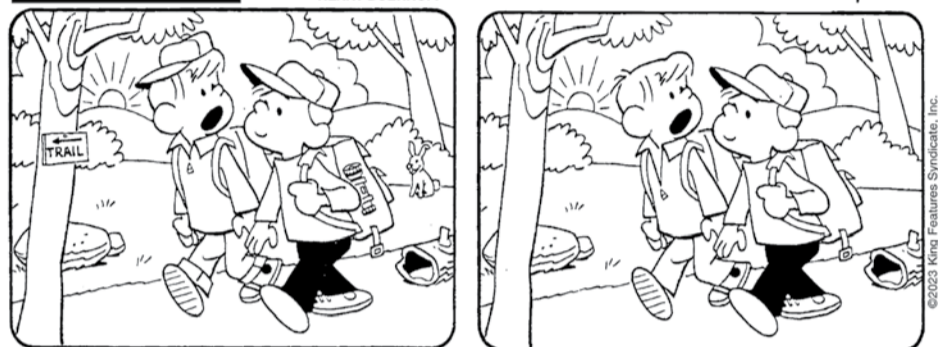
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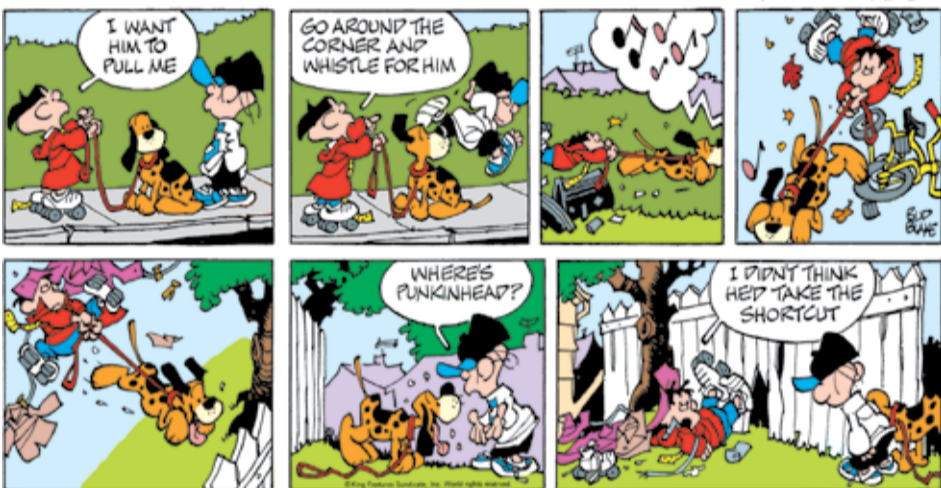
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Janisch to Lead Kiwanis

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the club has done in the past are clean-ups at the Kiwanis Family House, the Veteran's Memorial Hall, and churches; provided a literacy project and gave away free books to children; participated in the Coastal Clean-up; hosted a polling place; provided school supplies to new teachers, and more.

Kiwanis International was founded in 1915 in the United States and has grown to an international organization of volunteers. Members improve their communities, make lifelong friendships, and most importantly, help children thrive,

prosper, and reach their full potential.

It has over 700,000 members and more than 16,000 clubs in more than 79 nations and geographic areas who devote more than 18.5 million hours to service. The local Kiwanis (meaning friends) meets on the fourth Thursday of each month for a no-host dinner to hear speakers and/or plan service projects and is always looking to grow the club with like-minded volunteers.

The club welcomes new members. Call Membership Chair Dingman for more information (707) 678-9198 or email dixonkiwanis@hotmail.com. ★

Matriarch of Dixon Council, Arts Passes

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for her vocal talent and with her husband, Tom, they founded and ran the Dixon Children's Theater for 25 years. She also started a nonprofit to raise funds for teachers, field trips, and programs for students.

Marime and DEF worked tirelessly over the years selling personalized bricks that now pave the "new" high school.

Additionally, Marime served as a dedicated volunteer at the Dixon Montessori Charter School, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Dixon Family Services, and

Jepson Prairie. She was a certified Master Gardener, and was recognized as Dixon's Outstanding Senior of the Year in 2011, plus named the Woman of the Year for Assembly District 08 in 2019.

She leaves behind her husband, two daughters, Caitlin O'Halloran Hellar and Meghan Baichtal, along with several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at St. Peter's Church at 10:00 am on Monday, October 23, 2023. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Marime Burton Performing Arts Scholarship Fund. ★

Pin-a-Go-Go Pinball Extravaganza Benefits Teen Center

The 27th annual Pin-a-Go-Go pinball party is October 13-15 at the Dixon Fairgrounds and masks are no longer required! Hours are October 13th - 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.; 14th - 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on the 15th - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event features Pinball machines from six different decades on 'FREE PLAY,' Pinball parts, memorabilia, and games for sale, an Outdoor Flea Market & Swap Meet on Saturday; Food Service- tempting goodies and a place to enjoy in the shade and RV parking on the premises.

This annual event has long been supported by pinball enthusiasts from all over Northern California and helps local youth charities. Many people bring their pinball machines to share, the organizers and volunteers are not paid to put on the show.

Admission is \$30 for the whole weekend. It is only \$20 for age 13 and under. On Sunday, it is \$10 for anyone. Payment is at the door and no credit cards accepted but an ATM is located by the front door. Through the years, thousands of dollars have been raised for the Dixon Teen Center. More information can be found at www.pin-a-go-go.org. Photo by Debra Dingman



Senior Affordable Housing Being Built

Story and photos by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - A new neighborhood is being built in the Homestead development only this one is all single story and looks like a unique apartment complex with nine buildings plus a club house and outdoor amenities. It is also unique in that it is deemed affordable senior housing.

"Silvey Villas at Homestead is being developed by Hamstead Developers. This and the second part (which is called Prospera) make up the affordable housing obligation that was required for the Homestead development," said Raffi Boloyan, Community Development Director for the City of Dixon.

It will have 72 of the 180 units for senior apartments and all would be affordable to low and very low income households. They are located at North Parkway and Whispering Way in Dixon.

The part that is being built now has eight units in each of the nine buildings. There are 54, 1 bedroom/1 bath units (646 sq ft) and 18, 2 bedroom/1 bath units (855 sq ft.) But don't go rushing to sign up as the management company is not yet in place according to City sources.

You can, however, watch for signs and advertisements locally when they are ready.

The benefits of the Project to the City of Dixon include the following: 1. 100-percent of the rental housing units will be rent restricted for low and very low-income senior residents. 2. The Project consists of one-bedroom



There will be eight units in each of the nine Silvey Villas buildings now being built for Senior Affordable Housing in the Homestead development.

and two-bedroom units. 3. Units will be reserved for seniors earning less than 30%, 50%, and 60% of the area median income.

CSCDA, a joint powers authority created in 1988 and is sponsored by the California State Association of Counties and the League of California Cities, and Hamstead partnered with Redstone Capital, and Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP to provide the bonds for the Project. The financing for the Project requires the affordability of the units for low and very-low-income senior tenants to be maintained for 55 years.

According to Boloyan, 'affordable' is defined by the State and Federal government and is based on the percentage of the county median income.

"It also varies based on unit size, which dictates family size," he said. "For example, a studio unit would be for one person household, a 1-bedroom unit would assume a 1-person household, etc." Here's the chart provided:

Very Low income is defined as less than 50-percent of county median income. Low is defined as 50-80-percent of county median income. Moderate is defined as 80 to 120-percent. And above moderate is defined as less than 120-percent of the county median income.

More than 18 million families pay more than half of their income for housing in the United States, according to Habitat for Humanity. There are many people who believe that unaffordable housing is the single greatest cause of Homelessness in the United States today.

According to the California Housing Consortium, by reducing involuntary resident mobility, whether due to eviction, inability to make rent payments, or a desire to avoid unhealthy or undesirable living conditions, access to affordable housing can produce important benefits for residents in the form of improved school performance and health. ★

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